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Official meetings

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Security Council

Military Staff Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	1701st meeting (closed)	Conference Room 8 (General Assembly Building)

General Assembly

Sixty-fifth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 74 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Main Committees

First Committee

3–6 p.m.	1st meeting	Conference Room 4 (NLB)
	Organization of work (A/64/399, A/C.1/65/1 and A/C.1/64/CRP.1)	

Security Council

The President of the Security Council for the month of October 2010 (Uganda) will provide a briefing for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on the programme of work for the month, on Monday, 4 October 2010, at 11.15 a.m. in Conference Room 8 (General Assembly Building).

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General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . 326th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

1. Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials
2. After-service health insurance

General Assembly
Sixty-fifth session

Programme of work of plenary meetings

The programme of work of plenary meetings is contained in A/INF/65/3. Additional scheduling of items or changes in the programme of work will be reflected in its revised versions. As mentioned in the document, inscription in the list of speakers, on a first-come, first-served basis, for the items listed therein is now open. For inscription, please call 1 (212) 963-5063; or send an e-mail to heddachem@un.org.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Friday, 1 October 2010

Third Committee

Meeting of the co-sponsors of the draft resolution on intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women (under agenda item 28 (a)) (convened by the delegations of France and the Netherlands)

4–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D (NLB)

Other meetings

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Friday, 1 October 2010

Group of 77 (on matters related to oceans and the law of the sea)

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 7 (NLB)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 7 (NLB)

Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 7 (NLB)

Group of 77 (on Third Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

African Group (on Fifth Committee matters)

3–4 p.m. Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 3 (NLB)

OIC Group (Third Committee experts)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Other activities

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Launch of the Advocacy Campaign on the IASC Guidelines on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Belgium and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), on behalf of the IASC Reference Group on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support)

From 10 a.m. to 12 noon (government discussion) and from 2 to 4 p.m. (technical panel discussion) in Conference Room C (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Julie de Barbeyrac, UNICEF (e-mail jdebarbeyrac@gmail.com); or Ms. Leia Grossman, UNICEF (tel. 1 (212) 303-7979).]

Briefing on reports before the Third Committee, under agenda item 28 (Advancement of women) (co-organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, the Division for the Advancement of Women, DESA, and the United Nations Development Fund for Women, all now part of UN Women)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Diana Marie Ranola, DESA (e-mail ranola@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5121).]

Commemoration of the International Day of Non-Violence and unveiling of a special edition book entitled "MKG – Mahatma Gandhi – Imaging Peace, Truth and Ahimsa" (organized by the Permanent Mission of India)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Acquino Vimal, Permanent Mission of India (e-mail indfs_hrs@indiaun.net; tel. 1 (212) 490-9683).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Friday, 1 October 2010

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
Informal briefing

The Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism and its Executive Directorate (CTED) will hold an informal briefing for interested Member States, on Thursday, 7 October 2010, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB). At the briefing, CTED will make two presentations on the themes "The human rights aspects of counter-terrorism in the context of resolution 1373 (2001)" and "Helping Member States to implement the 'safe haven' requirements of resolution 1373 (2001)".

General Assembly

Sixty-fifth session

Main Committees

First Committee

The First Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items, on Monday, 4 October 2010, in Conference Room 1 (NLB). The list of speakers for the general debate is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to kindly contact Mr. Gerard Cianciulli (e-mail cianciulli@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9277; room IN-615A).

Delegations are reminded that, during the general debate, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the First Committee and guidance provided by the Bureau, a time limit should be observed of 10 minutes for delegations speaking in their national capacity, and 15 minutes for those speaking on behalf of several delegations. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit.

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to Mr. Timur Alasaniya, Secretary of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (e-mail leong@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; room IN-606A; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/65/2* will be accepted by e-mail.

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (tel. 1 (212) 963-2378; room IN-608B).

Background information on the Committee is available and accessible to Member States and permanent observers on the First Committee QuickFirst Web site <https://secln069.un.org/quickplace/quickfirst/Main.nsf>. For inquiries regarding QuickFirst, kindly contact Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (e-mail cherniavsky@un.org).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin its consideration of the cluster of items on decolonization on Monday, 4 October 2010, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB). Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items are kindly requested to notify Ms. Cassandra Price (e-mail pricec@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1523; room IN-606B). In accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the Committee, the suggested time limit for statements is 10 minutes, with the exception of statements made by the spokespersons of groups of delegations, which would be extended to 15 minutes.

Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Ms. Emer Herity, Secretary of the Committee (c/o Mr. Andrea Lembo (e-mail lembo@un.org; room IN-613C; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/65/2* will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee is available and accessible to Member States and Permanent Observers at <https://4thcommittee.unlb.org>. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

Second Committee

General debate

The Second Committee will begin its work on Monday, 4 October 2010, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The meeting will begin with a discussion on the working methods of the Committee, to be followed by the opening of the general debate.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact Ms. Mary Constable, *in writing* (e-mail constablem@un.org), indicating the full name and title of the speaker.

Delegations are reminded that during the general debate, in accordance with past practice of the Second Committee, a time limit of 10 minutes should be observed, with the understanding that the full texts of the statements can be circulated in the meeting room. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit. Delegations wishing to have the full text of statements circulated should provide 250 copies of the same to the Conference Officers.

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted, *as soon as possible*, to the Secretary of the Second Committee, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (e-mail 2ndcommittee@un.org; room IN-622 or NL-1033). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/65/2* will be accepted by e-mail.

Third Committee

The Third Committee will begin its work on Monday, 4 October 2010, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

Background information on the work of the Third Committee, including during the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly, is available at <www.un.org/en/ga/third/index.shtml>.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items of the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact Ms. Lorna Fidler, *in writing* (e-mail fidler@un.org), indicating the full name and title of the speaker.

Delegations are reminded that during the general discussion under each agenda item, in accordance with past practice of the Third Committee, a time limit for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States is 15 minutes, and for individual delegations, it is 7 minutes, with the understanding that the full texts of the statements can be circulated in the meeting room. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit. Delegations wishing to have the full text of statements circulated should provide 250 copies of the same to the Conference Officers.

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted, *as soon as possible*, to the Acting Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail 3rdcommittee@un.org; room NL-1033 or IN-603G)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/65/2* will be accepted by e-mail.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Monday, 4 October 2010, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB). Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 2nd meeting in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Composition of delegations

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Mr. Movses Abelian (c/o Ms. Ana Bürgi (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org; room L-0320C; fax 1 (212) 963-0360)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/65/2* will be accepted by e-mail.

Other information

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee during the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly, including the tentative and provisional programme of work, will be available at <www.un.org/ga/fifth/>.

Informal briefings

Informal briefings (closed) will be held, as follows:

Monday, 4 October 2010, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB):
Human resources management (by Ms. Catherine Pollard, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management); and

United Nations Common system (by Mr. Kingston Rhodes, Chair, International Civil Service Commission); and

Tuesday, 5 October 2010, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB):
Umoja/Enterprise resource planning and information and communications technology (by Ms. Angela Kane, Under-Secretary-General for Management; and Mr. Choi Soon-hong, Assistant Secretary-General and Chief Information Technology Officer); and

Capital Master Plan and space planning for the next 20 years (by Mr. Michael Adlerstein, Assistant Secretary-General, Executive Director, Capital Master Plan; and Mr. Warren Sach, Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services).

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

General Assembly

Informal consultations on agenda item 38 (The situation in Afghanistan) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Monday, 4 October 2010, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB); and

Tuesday, 5 October 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

First Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects" (under agenda item 97 (z)) (convened by the delegation of Colombia)

Wednesday, 6 October 2010, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB);

Friday, 8 October 2010, from 2.30 to 3.45 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB); and

Monday, 11 October 2010, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Third Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women (under agenda item 28 (a)) (convened by the delegations of France and the Netherlands)

Tuesday, 5 October 2010, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB); and

Thursday, 7 October 2010, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

Other forthcoming meetings

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UNITAR English-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

Monday, 4 October 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB);

Tuesday, 5 October 2010, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB); and

Wednesday, 6 October 2010, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

[For further information, please contact Ms. Soukeyna Fall, UNITAR (e-mail falls@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).]

International Criminal Court: Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties

Tuesday, 5 October 2010, from 8.45 to 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Special event on the occasion of World Habitat Day on the theme "Better city, better life" (organized by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), in collaboration with the Consortium for Sustainable Development)

Monday, 4 October 2010, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Hawa Diallo, UN-Habitat (e-mail diallo9@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2718); or Ms. Francesca De Ferrari, UN-Habitat (e-mail deferrari@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3596).]

UNU international workshop on "A Roadmap for industry-academia collaboration towards sustainability" (co-organized by the United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY), the Sapienza University of Rome, the Arizona State University and the University of Tokyo)

Tuesday, 5 October 2010, from 10 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. and from 1.15 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. To register, please visit <www.ony.unu.edu/events-forums/new/WWNY/2010/sustainability-science-worksho.php>. For further information, please visit <www.ony.unu.edu>; or contact Mr. Francis Lowe, UNU-ONY (e-mail lowe@unu.edu; tel. 1 (212) 963-6387).]

Special event on the occasion of World Teachers Day on the theme "Recovery begins with teachers" (co-organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE))

Tuesday, 5 October 2010, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Michelle Freeouf, UNESCO New York Office (e-mail m.freeouf@unesco.org).]

Women's International Forum: Meeting on "Great negotiations" (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Thursday, 7 October 2010, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.]

UNITAR/Permanent Mission of Switzerland — United Nations Reform Series

Module I: Institutional adaptation of United Nations governing bodies
Friday, 8 October 2010, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB); and

Module II: Management reform
Friday, 15 October 2010, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

[The course is open to members of permanent and observer missions. To register and for further information, please visit <www.unitar.org/event/ny/cdt>; or contact Mr. Olivier Portoff, UNITAR (e-mail olivier.portoff@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Screening of the award-winning documentary "Killing in the Name" followed by a panel discussion with the Secretary-General (co-organized by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General and the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force)

Friday, 8 October 2010, at 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Silva Bonacito, Executive Office of the Secretary-General (e-mail bonacito@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3556).]

Briefings on UNCTAD's reports (organized by the New York Office of UNCTAD)

Trade and Development Report 2010
Monday, 11 October 2010, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB);

Least Developed Countries Report 2010
Friday, 15 October 2010, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8 (General Assembly Building); and

World Investment Report 2010
Tuesday, 19 October 2010, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend the briefings. For further information, please contact Mr. Januel Nalupta, UNCTAD (e-mail nalupta@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9114).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
Sixth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2010/257 of 23 July 2010, the sixth session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters will be held from Monday, 18, to Friday, 22 October 2010, at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

Background materials, including the provisional agenda and organization of work, are available on the Financing for Development Web site at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/ffd/tax/sixthsession/>.

For further information, please contact the Acting Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Michael Lennard (e-mail taxffdoffice@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5734).

Announcements

MDG Gap Task Force Report 2010

The ePub format of the *MDG Gap Task Force Report 2010: The Global Partnership for Development at a Critical Juncture*, is now available for download on various mobile devices and e-readers, in the six official languages, at the following locations:

DESA Web site (for delegations only): <www.un.org/esa/policy/index.html>; and

For sale through Amazon.com: <www.amazon.com/Task-Force-Report-2010-ebook/dp/B00439H1NS/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&m=AG56TWVU5XWC2&s=digital-text&qid=1285267896&sr=1-1>; and Apple iBooks Store: <http://itunes.apple.com/us/book/the-global-partnership-for/id394152741?mt=11>.

Sixth Committee

The report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-second session (A/65/10) is available electronically on the Web site of the Commission <http://untreaty.un.org/ilc/reports/2010/2010report.htm>, as of 24 September 2010.

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings for 2010 will be held in October, in Conference Room E (NLB), according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 26 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Arabic*

Tuesday, 26 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*

Wednesday, 27 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *English*

Wednesday, 27 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*

Thursday, 28 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*

Thursday, 28 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Offices of the Security Council Secretariat Branch (room 08083, 730 Third Avenue (between 45th and 46th Streets); tel. 1 (212) 963-5258).

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room SA-1B12).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/fr/documents/journal.asp>.

All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 30 September 2010

General Assembly

Sixty-fifth session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

1st meeting

Election of the officers of the Main Committees . . . . . [5]

The Chair, H.E. Mr. Chitsaka Chipaziwa (Zimbabwe), made a statement.

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Ms. Marcela Zamora (Costa Rica) as its Vice-Chair.

Organization of work

The Committee had before it a letter from the President of the General Assembly concerning the agenda items allocated to it (A/C.4/65/1) and a note by the Chair (A/C.4/65/L.1) containing suggestions on the organization of work.

The Committee approved its programme of work, as contained in document A/C.4/65/L.1.

The Chair also drew members' attention to document A/C.4/65/INF/1, which contained the list of documents before the Committee.

The Committee also decided to establish a Working Group of the Whole, chaired by the delegation of Romania, to consider draft resolution A/C.4/65/L.2 on agenda item 50 (International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space).

At the suggestion of the Chair (A/C.4/65/L.1), the Committee decided to hold a general debate on decolonization, under agenda items 55, 56, 57, 58 and 59, and to close the list of speakers on those items on Monday, 4 October 2010, at 6 p.m.

The Committee also decided that Tuesday, 5 October, at 4 p.m. would be the deadline for submission of all draft proposals on decolonization items.

Request for hearings

The Chair drew the Committee's attention to Aide-mémoire 01/10 and 01/10/Add.1, containing 109 requests for hearing relating to the questions of Gibraltar, Guam, New Caledonia, the Turks and Caicos Islands, the United States Virgin Islands and Western Sahara. The Committee decided to circulate the requests for hearing as Committee documents. The Chair also informed the Committee of the communications received from the Chief Minister of Gibraltar and from the President of the Government of New Caledonia, who wished to make statements under agenda item 59.

Fifth Committee

1st meeting

Organization of work

The Chair, H.E. Mr. Gert Rosenthal (Guatemala), declared open the first meeting of the Fifth Committee of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

The Chair reminded the Committee of the election of Mr. Muhammad Irfan Soomro (Pakistan), Ms. Ioana Sanda Stoica (Romania) and Mr. Josiel Motumisi Tawana (South Africa) as Vice-Chairs, and Ms. Nicole Mannion (Ireland) as Rapporteur of the Committee.

Organization of work

The Chair drew the attention of the Committee to a letter dated 17 September 2010 from the President of the General Assembly (A/C.5/65/1) on the allocation of items of the agenda by the General Assembly to the Fifth Committee. The Chair further drew the attention of the Committee to a note by the Secretariat on the status of preparedness of documentation (A/C.5/65/L.1) and to the proposed programme of work submitted by the Bureau for the main part of the session.

On the proposal of the Chair, the Committee took note of the recommendations of the General Assembly, as contained in document A/65/250, as well as of the observations of the Chair that delegations ensured that their colleagues in the Main Committees completed consideration of all draft resolutions having programme budget implications as early as possible, and no later than 1 December 2010, in order to enable the Fifth Committee to consider them in a timely manner.

Statements were made by the representatives of Yemen (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Croatia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Iceland; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Georgia and Armenia, which aligned themselves with the statement), Chile (on behalf of the Rio Group), Japan and Pakistan.

The Committee approved the proposed programme of work, on the understanding that the Bureau would make the necessary adjustments as required.

On the proposal of the Chair, the Committee decided to set Tuesday, 15 October 2010, as the deadline for the submission of candidatures to the secretariat of the Fifth Committee in connection with agenda item 113 (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) (Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments), and Friday, 5 November 2010, as the date for the elections.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

International Cocoa Agreement, 2001

Geneva, 25 June 2010

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 54, the above Agreement shall be open for signature in New York from *today*, 1 October 2010, until 30 September 2012, by parties to the International Cocoa Agreement, 2001, and Governments invited to the United Nations Conference, 2010.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (380 Madison Avenue, New York; e-mail depositaryCN@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at the following address <treaties.un.org>.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2010* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Malawi
H.E. Mr. Brian G. Bowler

Asian States:
China
H.E. Mr. Li Baodong

Eastern European States:
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H.E. Mr. Ranko Vilović

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Trinidad and Tobago
H.E. Ms. Cherry Ann Millard-White

Western European and other States:
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H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio Yáñez-Barnuevo

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